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In re Application of:

Gerard HOTIER et al.

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Serial No.: 09/762,580

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Title: SYSTEM FOR INJECTING A DIVERSIFIED FLUID IN A SIMULATED  
MOVING BED SEPARATION PROCESS

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated March 28, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 11 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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